



SUB-COMMITTEE ON
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH
AND RESCUE -

4th session
Agenda item 1

COMSAR 4/1/1
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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

<i>Executive Summary:</i>	This document contains annotations to the provisional agenda as given in document COMSAR 4/1
<i>Action to be Taken:</i>	As explained under each agenda item
<i>Related documents:</i>	Reports of the Sub-Committee and documents submitted to COMSAR 4

1 Adoption of the agenda

COMSAR 4/1	Secretariat
COMSAR 4/1/1	Secretariat

The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (COMSAR 4/1). A provisional timetable intended to serve as a guide for the conduct of the session and indicating the working and drafting groups which are expected to be established, is given at the annex.

2 Decisions of other IMO bodies

COMSAR 4/2	Secretariat
COMSAR 4/2/1	Secretariat
COMSAR 4/2/2	Secretariat
COMSAR 4/2/3	Secretariat

The Sub-Committee will be informed of decisions of taken by MSC 69, MSC 70, MSC 71 and other IMO bodies of relevant to its work.

3 Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)

COMSAR 4/3	Denmark
COMSAR 4/3/1	France
COMSAR 4/3/5	Denmark
COMSAR 4/INF.4	Sweden
COMSAR 4/INF.8	Netherlands

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Matters relating to the GMDSS Master Plan

3.1 The Sub-Committee will further consider this matter taking into account GMDSS/Circ.8, issued in accordance with the Committee's instruction in loose-leaf format to allow the easy substitution of only those pages on which changes have been made.

Review of SOLAS regulation IV/15.7 and resolution A.702(17) on Radio maintenance guidelines for the GMDSS related to sea areas A3 and A4

COMSAR 40/WP.2/Add.1, annex 1
COMSAR 4/3/14

Report of the Operational Working Group
CIRM

3.2 The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider proposed amendments to resolution A.702(17) and finalize a draft Guidelines for shore-based maintenance (SBM) providers in the GMDSS (annex 1 to COM 40/WP.2/Add.1).

Operational and technical co-ordination provisions of Maritime Safety Information (MSI) services

COMSAR 4/3/2
COMSAR 4/3/3
COMSAR 4/3/4
COMSAR 4/3/6
COMSAR 4/3/8
COMSAR 4/3/13

IHO
IHO
United States
France
France
Chairman of NAVTEX Co-ordinating Panel

3.3 Under this sub-item the Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the above submissions related to operational and technical co-ordination provisions of MSI services.

Exemptions from radio requirements

COMSAR 4/3/12

Secretariat

3.4 The Sub-Committee will be informed on exemptions granted by SOLAS Contracting Governments under SOLAS regulation IV/3 during the period 1996 to 1998.

3.5 The Sub-Committee may propose the appropriate amendments to SLS.14/Circ.115 - Issue of Exemption Certificates under the 1974 SOLAS Convention and amendments thereto.

4 Ro-ro ferry safety: low-powered radio homing devices for liferafts

COMSAR 4/4
COMSAR 4/4/1
COMSAR 4/4/2

Germany
Sweden
Netherlands

The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the above documents and any comments and proposals with a view to decide which technique and/or device should be used for homing in case of multiple devices operation in close proximity and the simultaneous reception of multiple signals by a SAR unit.

5 ITU maritime radiocommunication matters

COMSAR 4/5	France
COMSAR 4/5/1	United States
COMSAR 4/5/2	Secretariat

The Sub-Committee will be invited to:

- .1 prepare an IMO position on matters related to the maritime mobile and maritime mobile-satellite services for submission to WRC-2000; and
- .2 consider a liaison statement from WP 8B (COMSAR 4/5/2) and decide as appropriate.

6 Satellite services (Inmarsat and COSPAS-SARSAT)

COMSAR 4/6	Australia
COMSAR 4/6/1	Canada, France
COMSAR 4/6/2	United States
COMSAR 4/6/3	COSPAS-SARSAT
COMSAR 4/INF.9	COSPAS-SARSAT

The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the above submissions and any comments or proposals which might be provided by Members with respect to the matter.

7 Emergency radiocommunications: false alerts and interference

COMSAR 4/7	Australia
COMSAR 4/7/1	United States
COMSAR 4/7/2	United States
COMSAR 4/7/3	Japan
COMSAR 4/7/4	COSPAS-SARSAT

The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider the above submissions with a view to further reduce the number of false alerts.

8 Matters concerning search and rescue, including those related to the 1979 SAR Conference and the introduction of the GMDSS

COMSAR 4/8	France
COMSAR 4/8/1	United States
COMSAR 4/8/2	France
COMSAR 4/8/3	France
COMSAR 4/8/4	Secretariat
COMSAR 4/8/5	France
COMSAR 4/8/6	France
COMSAR 4/8/7	Australia
COMSAR 4/8/8	United Kingdom
COMSAR 4/8/9	Secretariat
COMSAR 4/INF.2	Secretariat
COMSAR 4/INF.5	Secretariat

The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider:

- .1 the report of the sixth ICAO/IMO Joint Working Group on Harmonization of Aeronautical and Maritime SAR held in Victoria, B.C. from 5 to 9 October 1998;
- .2 the outcome of the Indian Ocean Conference on Maritime SAR and the GMDSS held in Fremantle (Australia), from 21 to 25 September 1998; and
- .3 documents MSC 69/3/2, MSC 69/10/1 and MSC 70/7/2 as instructed by MSC 69 and MSC 70, respectively.

9 Revision of the HSC Code

COMSAR 4/9

Secretariat

The Sub-Committee will be invited to review chapter 14 of HSC - Radiocommunications.

10 Development of a code on polar navigation

Under this item the Sub-Committee will be invited to consider chapter 13 of a draft code on Polar Navigation as developed by the DE Sub-Committee (chapter 13, annex 1 and annex 2 to DE 41/WP.7).

11 Work programme

The Sub-Committee will be invited to review its work programme as approved by MSC 71, taking into account relevant decisions by the Committee. The Sub-Committee will prepare, in light of progress made during its fourth session, a revised work programme with proposed target completion dates and a draft provisional COMSAR 5 agenda for approval by MSC 72.

12 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 1998-1999

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the Sub-Committee will be invited to elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2000.

13 Any other business

COMSAR 4/13

Australia

COMSAR 4/13/1

Secretariat

The Sub-Committee will give consideration to the outcome of other IMO bodies and any comments or proposals that Members may submit under this agenda item.

14 Report to the Committee

The Sub-Committee will be invited to consider its draft report on Friday, 16 July 1999, and adopt it for submission to MSC 72 for approval.

15 Action requested of the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee is invited to note the above information and take action as appropriate.

ANNEX

SUB-COMMITTEE ON RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE

4th session

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Date	Item	WG/DG
Monday, 12 July	Opening of the session 1 Adoption of the agenda 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies 3 GMDSS 4 Ro-ro ferry safety: low-powered radio homing devices for liferafts 7 Emergency radiocommunications: false alerts and interference 8 Matters concerning search and rescue, including those related to the 1979 SAR Conference and the introduction of the GMDSS	WG 1 WG 1 WG 1 WG 2
Tuesday, 13 July	5 ITU maritime radiocommunication matters 9 Revision of the HSC Code 10 Development of a code on polar navigation 13 Any other business	DG WG 3 WG 3 WG 3
Wednesday, 14 July	6 Satellite services (Inmarsat and COSPAS-SARSAT) Consideration of the reports of working and drafting groups 13 Any other business	
Thursday, 15 July	11 Work programme and agenda for COMSAR 5 Consideration of the reports of working and drafting groups 12 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2000	
Friday, 16 July	14 Report to the Committee	

Group	Title
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WG 1	Operational Working Group
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WG 2	SAR Working Group
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WG 3	Might also be established to deal with the matters under agenda items 9, 10 and 13
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DG	ITU World Radiocommunication Conference matters
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